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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT INCREASING ITS STRENGTH?

1. IN RECENT WEEKS LARGE ANGOLAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY IN ZAIRE HAS BEEN IN TURMOIL AS RESULT OF DRIVE TO RECRUIT ADDITIONAL TROOPS FOR HOLDEN ROBERTO'S FNLA. STORY SURFACED BRIEFLY SEPTEMBER 7 WHEN KINSHASA PRESS REPORTED THAT FNLA WAS ABOUT TO CONDUCT "CENSUS" IN SHABA REGION WITH FULL COOPERATION OF ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES. ANGOLAN SERVANTS OF EMBASSY FAMILIES HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP ALONG WITH THEIR COUNTRYMEN AND TRANSPORTED TO DETENTION CENTERS. THOSE WHO HAVE EMPLOYMENT OR ARE HEADS OF FAMILIES ARE REPORTEDLY RELEASED. UNEMPLOYED SINGLE MALES ARE PRESSED INTO MILITARY SERVICE AT FNLA MILITARY CENTERS.

2. PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE ATTACHED TO
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SPANISH EMBASSY HERE, LUIS GONZAGA FERREIRA, WHO USUALLY

WELL INFORMED, PROFESSES TO BE AT LOSS TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS HAPPENING. HE SAYS RECRUITING BEGAN IN BAS ZAIRE REGION, SPREAD TO SHABA REGION, AND THEN TO FIVE OF KINSHASA'S 24 ZONES. IT MET CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE (MANY ANGOLANS FLEEING INTO BUSH OR REENTERING ANGOLA). AND IT MAY HAVE COME TO HALT AROUND SEPTEMBER 18. RECURITS TAKEN NOT ONLY TO FNLA BASE AT KINKUZU BUT ALSO TO ZAIRIAN ARMY BASES AT KAMINA AND KITONA. NUMBERS INVOLVED NOT KNOWN.

3. FERREIRA SPECULATES THAT PURPOSE MAY BE TO ALLOW TURNOVER IN FNLA RANKS, OR EVEN TO REDUCE NUMBERS OF ROVING UNEMPLOYED ANGOLANS IN ZAIRE'S CITIES. ON OTHER HAND HE CONCEDES THAT MOBUTU MAY WANT TO BUILD FNLA INTO MORE CREDIBLE MILITARY FORCE IN FACE OF CHARGES (PARTICULARLY FROM PRESIDENT NGOUABI IN BRZZAVILLE) THAT CONTINUED EXCLUSION OF MPLA FORCES FROM ZAIRIAN TERRITORY SHOWS MOBUTU NOT SERIOUS ABOUT SUPPORTING ANGOLAN LIBERATION.

4. FERREIRA IS RELUCTANT TO CONCLUDE THAT MOBUTU IS TURNING AWAY FROM REALISTIC ANGOLAN POLICIES HE HAS PURSUED IN PAST. HE COMMENTS THAT MAJOR BEEFING UP OF ANGOLAN LIBERATION CAMPAIGN BASED IN ZAIRE WOULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO ZAIRE'S INTERESTS. HE TAKES SOME COMFORT IN FACT THAT ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE RECENTLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO VISIT OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO KINSHASA TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RELATED TO USE OF BENGUELA RAILROAD AND LOBITO PORT BY ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA.

5. SITUATION WILL CLEARLY BEAR WATCHING.
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